



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Communication dated January 15, 2004. Applicants elect Group II, claims 3, 5-12, 22-27, 29-33 and 35 for examination. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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